
Subject: Certification Periods

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Revised from:

Policy: The certification period starts the date eligibility is determined. All clients are eligible to receive benefits through the end of the month in which their certification period ends. Certification periods are for the following time frames:

- Pregnant woman – Certification period is for the duration of pregnancy and up to 6 weeks after the end of the pregnancy.
- Breastfeeding woman – Certification period is for 6 months and eligibility ends with her breastfed infant's first birthday or cessation of breastfeeding. If breastfeeding is discontinued prior to 6 months, she may still be eligible as a postpartum woman.
- Postpartum woman – Certification period is for 6 months postpartum.
- Infant – Certification period for an infant initially certified before 6 months of age ends in the month of the infant's first birthday. For an infant initially certified after 6 months of age, the certification period is for 6 months.
- Child – Certification periods are for 6 months unless categorical eligibility is ending in the month of the child's fifth birthday.

Reference: CFR §246.7(g)

Procedure:

1. The KWIC system identifies the End Eligibility Date as the last day of the month in which the certification period ends.
2. The KWIC system will not allow benefits to be issued after a client's Eligibility End Date.